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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9 as follows:

Referring now to the drawing there is illustrated in Figures 1, 2, 3 and 4 a preferred embodiment, generally designated 10 of the cover plate 12 according to the principles of the present invention. The cover plate 12 has a base plate 14 having an outer surface 16 and an inner surface 18. The base plate 14 has a peripheral edge 20 extending between the outer surface 16 and the inner surface 18. The peripheral edge 20 in this embodiment 10 of the present invention has a predetermined geometrical shape which is circular. In other embodiments of the present invention the preselected geometrical shape of the peripheral edge 20 of the base plate 14 may be any desired configuration for aesthetic or other functional reasons as may be desired or required for a particular installation. The base plate 14 has a central axis 22. The ~~cover~~ base plate 14 has walls 24 defining a nipple accepting aperture 26 therethrough aligned with the central axis 22. In the preferred embodiment 10, the base plate ~~12~~ 14 is free of any other apertures therethrough.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 12 and 13 as follows:

Referring to Figure 5, there is shown a conventional down light mounting structure generally designated 130 which is positioned above the ceiling 132. The down light mounting structure 132 has a lower rim 134 that projects into the ceiling 132. Internally of the mounting structure 130 are the appropriate interconnection devices for supporting the base plate of the present invention. The inner mounting plate ~~30 of 30 of~~ a cover plate 12 ~~[[a]]~~ is inserted into the

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opening 136 of the mounting structure 130. The mounting members 50 of the cover plate 12 engage internal structure in the mounting structure 130 to provide the desired mounting of the cover plate 12 in the mounting structure 130 so that the inner surface 18 thereof is against the outer surface 138 of the ceiling 132.